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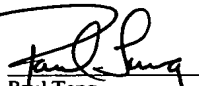
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In order to ensure compliance with the applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97(a)-(d), Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). To the best of Applicants' knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this application.

Alternatively, Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1). The references listed in the annexed Form PTO-1449 were cited in a July 3, 2007 European Search Report in connection with a counterpart European patent application. A copy of the July 3, 2007 European Search Report is enclosed herewith. Copies of the references are also enclosed. Each reference listed in the Form PTO-1449 annexed to this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Reference EP1233624 cited in the July 3, 2007 European Search Report was previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 20, 2005 in connection with the above identified application and is therefore not listed on the form PTO-1449 annexed hereto.

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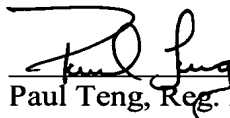
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